

APPENDIX

Concise Explanation of the relevance (WO 02/091513 A)

This reference discloses that the pressure of gas within the stack will press outwardly of the stack in the direction "B", tending to separate the plates of the stack.

Concise Explanation of the relevance (JP 2001-332282 A)

This reference discloses the technique of recovering a battery property by acid treatment of MEA(Membrane-electrode assembly) of PEFC(Proton-exchange membrane fuel cell). Specifically, the operation for power generation is stopped, dilute sulfuric acid is then supplied from the anode gas feed hole and the cathode gas feed hole in a fuel cell stack through the internal gas flow line to process acid treatment.

Concise Explanation of the relevance (JP 2000-93932 A)

This reference discloses a jointed material comprised of rubber and metal. The jointed material is heat-treated with water or water vapor in order to decrease the strength of the jointed part. Thus, the jointed part is separated thereby. In the example, water or water vapor is provided from the side of the jointed material.